

APPROVED: Meeting No. 15-97

ATTEST: *Paula S. Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 04-97

January 21, 1997

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on January 21, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing - Annexation  
Petition ANX96-0123, First  
Union Bank, Eastern Diversified  
Properties, Inc., Petitioner.

The Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing to take citizens comments on the proposed annexation of approximately 5.66 acres of land at 15625 Frederick Road. The Mayor and Council heard from three persons whose testimony can be found in the official stenographic transcript.

There being no other persons wishing to speak, Mayor Krasnow declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:05 p.m. and noted that the record on the matter would be kept open until close of business on February 21, 1997.

Re: Citizens Forum - This time is set aside to hear from any citizen who wishes to address the Mayor and Council.

There being no persons wishing to speak under "Citizens Forum," Mayor Krasnow declared this portion of the meeting closed.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

1. Councilmember Marrinan remarked that the City's 25th Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Program was an excellent production. He commended the City's Human Rights Commission for helping to sponsor the event and he acknowledged the work of City staff and Human Rights Coordinator Teresa James for planning the event. Mr. Marrinan noted that the Keynote Speaker was Reverend Archie LeMone, Executive Director of the Progressive National Baptist Convention Home Mission Board. Reverend LeMone pointed out the continuing problems our country faces with homelessness, poverty, disproportionate incarceration rates for African-American males, and crime. Mr. Marrinan said that one of Reverend LeMone's most poignant statistics was the fact that 37 million Americans had no health insurance. This was a 1995 figure, and Mr. Marrinan said that 1997 estimates showed there were as many as 41 million Americans without health insurance. Mr. Marrinan said that he found it disturbing to think that in only two years, the number had increased so significantly. He said that this was evidence that there are continuing problems in this Country which would need to be addressed.

2. Mayor Krasnow agreed that the Martin Luther King program was excellent. She also thanked staff and the Human Rights Commission for organizing the event and

said that it was great having the program take place at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Ms. Krasnow said that she spoke to some attendees at the affair who had traveled from Wheaton and Garrett Park and indicated that they would return to Rockville for future programs.

Re: New Business

There being no matters to discuss under "New Business," Mayor Krasnow declared this portion of the meeting closed.

Re: Adjourn to Worksession

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the General Session was adjourned at 8:10 p.m., and following a 5 minute break, to reconvene in Worksession.

Re: Worksession Re: 1997 All  
America City Award Application  
Process

Public Information Officer Rebecca Feaster said that staff was seeking the Mayor and Council's direction on whether Rockville should submit an application for the 1997 All-America City Award. Ms. Feaster said that she attended a worksession sponsored by the National Civic League on applying and winning the Award, and she noted the key elements focused on at the worksession:

- Careful selection of the three projects - The elements found in all winning projects was the fact that they were initiated by the public, involved citizen participation, and had measurable results.

- Civic Index - This is the criteria in which all applications are initially measured against to weed out "weak" applications. The Civic Index is also the first indicator as to whether a City is addressing the needs of the community.

Ms. Feaster said that the other areas of concern to the judges who reviewed the applications were how active young people were in community activities, the level of civic education conducted by a city, and a city's business climate. She also pointed out the jury's comments on the three projects Rockville submitted for the past application process.

Ms. Feaster and the Mayor and Council discussed the pros and cons of potential projects that the City could highlight in a 1997 application. Ms. Feaster said that at this time, there were no major projects that fit the winning criteria. She recommended that the City not apply this year, but instead, to use the City's visioning process to identify projects for a strong application in 1998.

The Mayor and Council agreed with staff's recommendation to hold off on submission of a 1997 application and they suggested that the following ideas be considered for future projects:

1. Chestnut Lodge redevelopment project. Councilmember Harrison pointed out that this was a positive, cooperative project in which the neighborhood took a proactive position and met with the developer for a positive outcome.

2. Latino Outreach Project - Mayor Krasnow noted that this might be a good project to submit since it addressed the needs of the City's growing Latino population.